

# Maine Climate Council Legislative Priorities and Responsibilities

## Reduction goals

1. **2030 annual emissions level.** By January 1, 2030, the State shall reduce gross annual greenhouse gas emissions to at least 45% below the 1990 gross annual greenhouse gas emissions level.
2. **Interim emissions level.** By January 1, 2040, the gross annual greenhouse gas emissions level must, at a minimum, be on an annual trajectory sufficient to achieve the 2050 annual emissions level.
3. **2045 carbon neutrality.** Maine shall strive to achieve a carbon neutral economy no later than 2045. Goal set by Governor Mills in [Executive Order 10: An Order to Strengthen Maine's Economy and Achieve Carbon Neutrality By 2045](#)
4. **2050 annual emissions level.** By January 1, 2050, the State shall reduce gross annual greenhouse gas emissions to at least 80% below the 1990 gross annual greenhouse gas emissions level.

## Legislative Deliverables

Update and deliver the State climate action plan to the Maine legislature by December 1, 2020 and every 4 years thereafter that includes:

1. A review of the latest information on climate change effects in the State and on the sectors, ecosystems, and communities most at risk from such effects;
2. Mitigation strategies to reduce gross and net annual greenhouse gas emissions and meet the greenhouse gas emissions reduction levels specified above;
3. Strategies for climate change adaptation and resiliency, including implementation guidelines, cost-benefit analysis, and means for measuring progress on suggested strategies;
4. And a clean energy economy transition plan.